

SLNA General Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2008

This meeting was held at the Faith UM church. The meeting was called to order by SLNA President Nancy Maclaine at 7:08PM. All SLNA officers were present except for the Secretary, David Ansel.

1) John Bissell presented the Treasure's report:

Checking Account Balance: \$1039.17

Undeposited: \$ 0.00

Savings Account Balance: \$1249.23

Two CDs Balance: \$2254.19

Total Funds: \$4542.59

Membership as of 4/15/08: 32

Membership at end of 2007: 63

2) The South West Area Command of APD will hold its Commander's Forum on April 29, 2008 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. The location is the APD Clinton Hunter Substation at 404 Ralph Ablanado Rd. in far South Austin (just north of Slaughter). We need a rep from SLNA to start attending these periodic meetings. Please contact Nancy if you would like to volunteer.

3) Carol Gibbs and Bryan King discussed our latest input on VMU. City staff prepared some 3D models for us showing what a VMU project on Lamar between Kinney Rd. and Del Curto might look like. Bryan had the simulations and we were able to view what such structures might look like to residents on Iva Lane. Some of these views can be seen in the "South Lamar Tract 4 Scene" PDF files at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthLamarNA/files/VMU%20Overlay/>.

A petition of the nearby neighbors objecting to the VMU zoning between Kinney Rd. and Del Curto has been presented to the City. However, there is now a question as to whether this is in fact a rezoning and whether nearby property owners can present a petition. We are still waiting to hear from Staff on this issue.

The VMU determination for SLNA is scheduled to be heard by Council on April 24th.

4) Bryan King updated us on Neighborhood Planning. As many of you will recall, SLNA, along with the four other neighborhoods in the South Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning area worked on NP for over a year before reaching an impasse with Staff. At the end of over a year of facilitated meeting between the SLCNP neighborhoods, negotiations with Staff over their role in the NP process broke down.

Bryan presented the following motion for wording to be given to Sandra Kirk in Neighborhood Planning:

"SLNA respectfully requests that the SLCNP not move forward at this time. We further request that the NP process be put on hold until such time that city and NPZD staff are more receptive to a process that further advances the neighborhood's personal vision for itself."

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5) Now that construction is imminent on our new park on the former Unity Church property on Del Curto, we need a committee to help set the direction for the park and to work with the Parks and Rec Department. One of the first tasks will be naming the park. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Maclaine.

6) Kim Rossmo has started to collect data on “criminal mischief” types of crimes being committed in the neighborhood. Preliminary data from neighbors who have e-mailed him with information on these types of crimes as well as what he has gleaned from APD indicates a lot of these property crimes along Bridgeway Dr. Kim will have a full report ready for the June SLNA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

- John Bissell for David Ansel